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Dr. Frederick Eliot  
Unitarian Leader  
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The Rev. Dr. Frederick M. Eliot, minister of Unity Church, St. Paul, Minn., national leader in religious education, and author of textbooks on religion, has been nominated to the presidency of the American Unitarian Association.

Election of the President will take place in May in Boston at the annual meeting of the association, attended by delegates from both countries. If elected, Dr. Eliot will succeed the Rev.

Dr. Louis C. Carnahan of Boston, president since 1927, who recently announced that he would not be a candidate for another term.

The Rev. Dr. Palfrey Perkins, minister of historic King's Chapel in Boston, oldest Unitarian church in America, was nomi-



DR. FREDERICK M. ELIOT

nated to the secretaryship and Parker Marean of Boston was re-nominated treasurer of the association.

Special interest attaches to Dr. Eliot's nomination, as he was chairman of the Commission of Appraisal of the American Unitarian Association, which made a thorough two-year study of organized Unitarianism and recommended several changes in organization and policy. The work of this commission, with its report, entitled "Unitarians Face A New Age," is said by church authorities of various denominations to be one of the most searching self-examinations made by any religious movement, comparable to "Rethinking Missions."

Dr. Eliot comes of a family with three generations of Unitarian clergymen. His grandfather, William G. Eliot, was minister of the Church of the Messiah in St. Louis, where he founded Washington University. His uncle, Thomas Lamb Eliot, went in 1867 to the pastorate of the newly formed Unitarian Church of Our Father in Portland, Ore., and served actively until 1893. His father, the Rev. Dr. Christopher R. Eliot, is honorary minister-at-large of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian churches in Boston, after 33 years as active minister of Bulfinch Place Unitarian church in that city.

Dr. Eliot is a graduate of Harvard University and the Harvard Divinity School. He holds Master of Arts degree from Harvard and an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. Before going to St. Paul in 1917, he was associated with the late Samuel McChord Crothers in the pastorate of the historic First Parish church, at Cambridge, Mass. He served as chaplain in France during the World War.

**Chorus Rehearsal;**  
**Notice All Singers**

Everybody get ready to enjoy a fine musical program at the D. L. Moody Centenary exercise in Town Hall soon. Prof. I. J. Lawrence who has been requested by the Committee to lead a chorus of singing has arranged for two rehearsals and invites anyone who can and will sing to attend these rehearsals previous to the big meeting. The first rehearsal will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening January 27th and the second rehearsal Tuesday evening February 2nd. Both meetings are at seven thirty o'clock. Please keep these dates in mind and arrange to be present. Remember all who can and will sing are urged to attend.

Four names were added to the town's voting list Wednesday as a result of the setting of the registrars.

**Northfield Players**  
**Ready For The Show**  
**Many Tickets Sold**

Hiram Draper (Lewis Wood) and Mrs. Draper (Gladys Shattuck) on their first trip over are highly amused with England, and London in particular. They are suspicious that all Englishmen wish to get their money away from them on one pretext or another. Of which commodity they are well supplied, Hiram plans to buy a shoe factory and is over in England for that purpose.

Sir Percy and Lady Beauchamp, finding out through Eliot that she has promised to marry Junior, meet the crisis of their life with fortitude, while Hiram and Mrs. Draper are indignant beyond measure.

Each family ridicules the other, in the eyes of the young folks purposely. This is depicted by a flashback, burlesqued to a high degree and the audience gets the inside opinion of what Americans think of English families and what Englishmen think of American families.

The cast is completed with Walter Hyde in the role of Alfred Honeycutt, general manager for Sir Percy; who mediates with the Americans; Robert Thompson, doubling in the parts of butlers for Sir Percy and Lady Ducksworth. Lawrence Quinlan plays the part of a flunkie at the Ritz with gusto. All in all the members of the cast are well suited to their respective parts and we submit them in their roles for your approval.

The cast of "So This Is London" is rehearsing diligently every evening in preparation for next Monday and Tuesday, when it is hoped the townspeople will witness the outstanding play of this season, locally.

Only by generous support, which we have experienced in the past, is it possible to produce these professional royalty plays for your enjoyment, and the cast feel sure you will receive your money's worth, if you will co-operate to the extent of the required tickets.

The Seniors of the high school are canvassing the town for an advanced sale of children's and adult tickets. They will also sell candy at both performances. The proceeds above expenses will be used to swell the Washington Trip Fund which is well advanced, but needs more support this year due to the size of the class.

The play has a modern English-American atmosphere. There are two families involved, the American Drapers (Gladys Shattuck) and the English Beauchamps. Junior Draper (Raymond Plotzick) and Elinor Beauchamp (Charlotte Casey), fall in love on the boat coming over to England, on the Drapers' first trip. Lady Ducksworth (Esther Williams) Elinor's, chaperone, one endeavor to be the go-between in the hopes of reconciling Sir Percy (Donald Finch) and Lady Beauchamp (Carrie-Jeanette Cook) to the idea. Sir Percy has Americans although he hopes to sell out his shoe business to an American competitor, he tries very hard to avoid any contact with them.

**Found Lost Spoons**  
**Of Mt. Holyoke College**

Several dozen silver dessert and tea spoons, the property of Mount Holyoke College, have at last found their way back to the campus after resting forty years, undisturbed and forgotten, in a Northampton bank.

Rescued during the famous fire of 1896, when the Seminary building was destroyed by fire, the spoons were taken to the nearby bank and placed in the safe deposit box of the college treasurer, whose grandson recently discovered them.

Identification was made by Miss Florence Purrington, dean emeritus, who made fruitless attempts after the fire to locate the spoons. Miss Purrington's interest in the silver dates back to her undergraduate days, when it was her domestic duty to collect, wash and count the silver used on the guest table. Students at that time brought their own silver.

Miss Purrington was for many years a summer resident of East Northfield and a few years ago sold her home in Mountain Park to Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn. She is a visitor however each year to Northfield.

The Ladies' Sewing Society of the Congregational church will hold an all-day meeting at the church vestry next Thursday.

**Well Known Pianist**  
**Hortense Monath**  
**Plays In Greenfield**

Musical lovers from all over the county will be attracted to Greenfield on Tuesday evening January 26th when Hortense Monath, a pianist of flowering genius will appear in the High School Auditorium at eight o'clock under the auspices of the Greenfield Woman Club for a program of music which includes Beethoven's sonata in E major Opus No 1, and his Sonata in C sharp minor Opus 27 No 2. Also in Brahms Rhapsody Opus 79 No 2, Intermezzo Opus 119 Nol and Intermezzo Opus No 3. A number of Chopin Mazurkas will be played as well as his Scherzo Opus 31.

No American pianist has in recent years so thoroughly interested audiences and critics alike with her grasp of music



HORTENSE MONATH

and the independence of her style.

Coming from a gifted family, she first studied with her mother, then with Ernest Hutchens in New York, and finally went to Berlin to work under Arthur Schnabel. Her debut in Hamburg was followed by concerts in Rome, Florence, Bologna and Milan and other European cities. Miss Monath made solo appearances with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, with Fritz Busch conducting, and the Hamburg Philharmonic Orchestra, and was soloist at the Festspiel in Salzburg.

On her return to this country two years ago, one of her first appearances was as solo artist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She also appeared with the Newark Symphony Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra, and in recital throughout the east, middle west and south. Two New York appearances have evoked an enthusiastic reception both from public and critics.

Tickets for the recital are on sale at Forbes Camera Shop in the Mansion House Block. Already quite a number from Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon have indicated their intention to attend.

**The Social Club**  
**Holds First Meeting**

The Young Peoples Social Club held their first gathering of the season in Alexander Hall Monday evening and a most enjoyable time prevailed. Twelve members of the Youths Hostel office staff were present who added much to the pleasure of the evening. Miss Hopkins the alumnae assistant secretary and Miss Trepkus the nurse for Northfield Seminary attended and volunteered in this recreational project. Leon Dunnell presided as usual most efficiently at the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and Miss Julia Austin of the High School staff also added to the evening's pleasure. Everyone attending had a good time and said good night at ten o'clock.

The next meeting will be Monday evening February 1st with Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, Miss Blodgett and Miss Dean as hostesses. Young people wishing to learn to dance may have private instruction at 7:30 o'clock. The small sum of ten cents per person or fifteen cents for two from the same family will be asked to defray the extra expense.

Certainly the young people of our town have an opportunity in these socials and from remarks it seems to be appreciated.

The Congregational church Brotherhood met last Tuesday evening at the church vestry and enjoyed a dinner after which Dr. Wright spoke on "Cancer" and President Duley reviewed current events.

**The Northfield Chapter**  
**Eastern Star Installs**  
**Next Monday Evening**

Miss Sue Henninenway of Chester, grand conductress of the grand chapter of the order of the Eastern Star will install the officers of the Northfield Chapter at the Masonic Hall on Parker street next Monday evening. The officers to be installed are: Worthy matron, Mrs. Evelyn Parker; worthy patron, Rev. W. Stanley Carne; associated matron, Mrs. Beatrice Harris; associated patron, Vernal G. Hurlbut; but conductress, Miss Gladys Ellithorpe; associate conductress, Miss Dorothy Pearson. These with the appointive officers Chaplain Mrs. Ruth Ross, Marshall, Miss Mildred Pearson, Organist, Mrs. Marion Goodspeed, Adah, Mrs. Florence Carne; Ruth, Miss Priscilla Colton, Esther, Mrs. Emma Stacey; Martha, Mrs. Eve Fox; Electa Miss Ruth Hurlbut; Warder, Mrs. Mary Nye; Sentinel, Willis K. Parker. The opening meeting is at five o'clock with rehearsal at 5:45 and supper at 6:30. The installation is at eight o'clock.

**Dr. Clarence Barbour**  
**Dies At Providence;**  
**Pres. Brown Univ.**

Dr. Clarence A. Barbour for seven years President of Brown University, an eminent worker, speaker and writer of religious activities, a frequent visitor to the Northfield Schools and summer conferences, died at his home in Providence, R. I. last Saturday after a year of ill health at the age of 69 years. He had been a Baptist minister serving in several large cities and an enthusiastic worker in the cause of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was a trustee or director of many colleges here and abroad and headed the conventions of his church, both national and international. He was an ardent Mason. His funeral was held Monday in the Baptist church at Providence and burial was in the North cemetery. Surviving are his wife and four children.

**Women In The News;**  
**Mrs. Harper Sibley**

Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y. is no stranger to Northfield. Each year in some of the Conference activities her work may be observed and her voice heard and she is indeed a friend to hundreds of our visitors. In the Country Gentleman for January 1937 she is listed as one of the six leading women speakers of the nation and a like picture of her is published. Her husband is President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and like his wife, both are kept busy with projects extensive in scope and national in character. Genevieve Forbes Herrick writing for the magazine has this to say:

"It gave me a thrill, as it always does, to see a husband and wife working, not necessarily in the same field, but with the same enthusiasm, with parallel interests, and—this is the important part—with mutual understanding. Mrs. Sibley is one of the five or six best woman speakers in America, in my estimation. Talking to her at luncheon the other day, I congratulated her on an extemporaneous speech I had heard her called upon to make recently. She had done a splendid job.

Whereupon Mrs. Sibley said something that is well worth remembering:

"You can talk extemporaneously. You cannot think extemporaneously."

Active in the work of her church, its missionary enterprises, in all civic reforms, in matters of education and the upbuilding of youth, Mrs. Sibley finds time to devote to the National Committee on the mobilization of Human needs as its women's vice-chairman.

**"Messiah" by Handel**  
**At Hermon Chapel**

The Greenfield Choral club will present several selections from Handel's Messiah including the Hallelujah Chorus under the direction of Prof. Melvin A. Gallagher at Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at vespers. About fifty mixed voices will participate. Prof. L'Hommedieu will preside at the organ. It is expected that the seating capacity of the chapel will be fully taken.

**County Alumni Clubs**  
**To Observe Centenary**  
**Banquet In Greenfield**

Dean Charles R. Yale of Yale University will be the guest speaker at a joint gathering and banquet of the alumni clubs of Franklin County of Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon School on Tuesday evening February 2nd at 6:45 o'clock at the Mansion House in Greenfield. Members of the faculties of both the Seminary and Hermon will provide instrumental and vocal music.

Mrs. Lester P. White of Mt. Hermon, president of the Northfield club, with Mrs. George F. Berry and Mrs. George Moody of Greenfield have charge of arrangements for the banquet. They will be assisted by Raymond L. Bickford, president of the Franklin Hermon club, vice-president Ernest Dunkle of South Vernon and Secretary Gordon Pyper of Mt. Hermon, as well as the executive committee whose members are Merritt Skilton of East Northfield, Lawrence Peck of Amherst and Willard Beebe of Greenfield.

The meeting is in observance of the centennial of Dwight L. Moody's birth and Dean Brown's address will be upon the character and influence of the great Evangelist who founded the Northfield schools.

**Wife Chinese Premier**  
**Will Get Degree At**  
**Holyoke Next May**

Mme Chiang Kai-shek wife of the Chinese Premier who recently figured in his sensational release from a kidnapping undertaken by one of his subordinate Generals has been invited to be the guest of Mount Holyoke college at the time of its anniversary services this May and receive an honorary degree.

Mme Chiang will be one of the principal speakers at the formal academic exercises to be held on Saturday morning May 8 as part of the two-day anniversary. Honorary degrees will be awarded to several distinguished persons, Dr. Wooley revealed, but stated that the list of those to be honored was not yet fully compiled.

President Wooley first became acquainted with Mme Chiang when she traveled in China as a member of the educational commission in 1921-22. She spent three months in Shanghai, and several times met the young Wellesley graduate who later became Mme Chiang Kai-shek.

**Annual Visitor Dies**

The sympathy of many friends here will go to Mrs. Georgina Hunt McDonald Heath of Allston whose devoted husband Arnold H. B. Heath died at his home in Allston on Thursday January 7th after a long illness at the age of 84 years. The funeral service was private and held the following Saturday in his home 4 Cambridge Terrace with burial in the family plot in the cemetery at Bristol, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Heath with her sister Miss McDonald have been visitors here staying at the Northfield Hotel at frequent intervals.

**Express Appreciation**

The group of hostellers who gathered at the second birthday celebration of the American Youth Hostels at the headquarters in Northfield over the last holiday period have sent a letter of appreciation to those of our citizens who had contributed in making the Richard Schirrmann Youth Hostel a warm and friendly place of meeting.

The letter was signed by Miss Betty Blodgett the field worker and a host of others and has brought a very favorable response. Rev. W. W. Coe in sending a reply expressed his pleasure and stated "how glad we are that the Hostel is here as the center and headquarters of the National organization, which is deservedly spreading and which we believe will accomplish its purposes in behalf of the young folks who come under its influence." Citizens of Northfield generally are happy that our town has become the national headquarters of the organization and they hold much admiration for the Directors Monroe and Isabel Smith who have been so active in its behalf.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$700.**

Article 10. To see if the town will empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$700.**

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of a Community Nurse, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend salary \$1,200; expense \$50.**

Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$500.**

Article 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the interest and note due on the Town Hall debt, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$3,120 from excess and deficiency fund.**

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**PERSONALS**

Next week, Mount Hermon's ice sextet is slated for two games with Williston Academy. Wednesday afternoon, Hermon's second string will meet the corresponding group from Williston, at Hermon. Saturday, the first string will meet Williston at Williston. Mount Hermon has defeated Williston for three consecutive years on the hockey rink.

On Thursday, the Badminton, coached by Mr. Link, will meet Greenfield. The following Wednesday, they will play Williston.

Early last Autumn Mount Hermon acquired a tract of land just west of the Bernardston-Mt. Hermon road, on which was built a log-cabin for the use of outing parties and overnights. Since then, many groups have visited the cabin, among them being the Commuter's club, many of whose members are Northfield residents, which spent an afternoon there last December. Next month, another afternoon at the cabin is scheduled, under the direction of Mr. Thorleif M. Henriksen. Mount Hermon has always been an outdoor school, largely because of its location, and the acquisition of the school cabin is an attempt to provide for the growing interest in skiing, snow-shoeing and hiking.

It has been the custom for the senior class to present a three-act play each year, and now the lower classes have been privileged to present a series of one-act plays. The first of these will be given by the sophomores on Saturday, Jan. 30, before the regular entertainment. The junior play has been announced as "Submerged" and will be presented on Feb. 5.

The meeting of the Woman's Literary society was held at the home of Mrs. Stephen Stark on Thursday of last week.

The Woman's Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Axel B. Forslund yesterday.

The sophomore class continued their dancing lessons under the direction of Mrs. Axel B. Forslund and Mrs. John D. Bassette, last Tuesday at the "Y" building.

The entertainment at Camp Hall next Saturday evening will be "The China Clipper." The movie begins at 8:15 o'clock.

Miss Annie L. Richardson is spending the winter at North Bridgton, Maine, but will return to Northfield in the early summer for another season at her cottage here.

Mrs. William Leslie who suffered a heart attack last week Thursday has been confined to her home but is improving.

Miss Byrl James and Miss Barbara Cota have returned from a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Luey at Worcester.

It is reported that Miss Mary A. Holton who was struck by an automobile in Springfield recently while crossing the street is now gradually improving from her injuries.

Curtis Alfred Carmean, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Carmean of lower Main street, and a Junior at Yale University, has been awarded a Philip Maret scholarship for the current academic year.

Mr. Earl F. Squires of Riverside Gill and former teller of the Crocker National bank has been appointed cashier of the Conway National bank. He is a former treasurer and town clerk of Gill and well known to many in Northfield.

The Orlando Morning Sentinel of Jan. 15 contains quite an account of a gathering of Northfield neighbors who were the nests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn at their home in Orlando. Mrs. Coburn was the hostess assisted by her sister, Miss Alice Duncan. Those who were in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smith and Miss Virginia Smith, Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Brown, Mrs. C. P. Buffum, Mrs. Beside Symonds, Miss M. J. Hills, Miss Carris Mason, Mrs. Helen L. Goddard and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage.

The first meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held in the Congregational church vestry Monday evening at 7:30. The new Scoutmaster will talk over plans for the year. All present scouts and those wishing to join are invited to be on hand promptly.

At the Latchis Theatre "One In A Million" will be shown Sunday through Wednesday, and at the Auditorium Shirley Temple will appear in the "Stowaway" this Friday and Saturday. Manager Latchis is showing some fine pictures and deserves the support of all who appreciate the fine showings.

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Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,000 from excess and deficiency fund.

Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.

Article 17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,950.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$937 for use of Dickinson Memorial Library.

The Finance Committee recommend \$937 includes dog fees and book fines of 1936.

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to co-operate with the State and County in building a section of permanent highway on Warwick Road in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,000.

Article 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the Sons of Veterans and the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to pay a bounty of twenty cents each on hedgehogs and raise and appropriate the sum of \$25 for that purpose or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$10.

Article 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for spraying trees on or near some of our highways or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to appoint a clerk for the Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the same or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$360.

Article 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with the WPA or any other Project work or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,000.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to install a street light near the residence of Mrs. Leila Allen on Main Street or act thereon and appropriate any money for the same.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49.36 to pay an overdraft on the Library account of 1936.

Article 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for police services or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for building sidewalks or act thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to place a "D. L. Moody Tablet" in the Town Hall or take any vote or votes in relation to a memorial to Mr. Moody, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 30. To see if the town will continue to hold a Town Caucus for the nomination of Town Officers or return to the former method of having Party Caucuses, or act thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to elect their Selectmen, one officer each year for a term of three years, thus always having two members on the Board that have served the previous year, or act thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for lumber, paint and hardware for bleachers and players' benches for the new playground, or act thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for care of the Athletic Field.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.

**Mrs. Anna Ostroski**

Mrs. Anna Ostroski of Northfield Farms died at her home on the Pine Meadows road Tuesday, after a short illness at the age of 67 years.

Mrs. Ostroski was born in Lithuania and came to the United States 36 years ago. For the past 15 years she and her family have resided in Northfield where Mrs. Ostroski conducts a farm.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Ostroski leaves five children, Dominick and August Jr., of Northfield, Mrs. William Teyvay and Mrs. Samuel Chester of Johnson City, N. Y., and Mrs. Paul Klepacik of Montague. She also leaves four brothers and three sisters as well as ten grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Saturday at the home with burial in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

**Julia Fairman**

Miss Julia Fairman died in Belchertown Friday, Jan. 8 of pneumonia at the age of 31 years. She was born in Vernon, Vt., the youngest daughter of the late Samuel C. and Lucy Marshall Fairman. She leaves a sister, resident in California, and a brother in Arkansas. The burial was in Belchertown.

**School Luncheons  
Solving Problems**

When the survey was taken by the local Health Council of the luncheon situation of the pupils of our schools, it was found that out of 43 pupils at the West Northfield School, 15 brought their lunches to school. Of the 15 only two had thermos bottle with hot drink. Three brought milk to drink and seven had fruit.

The teachers of this school feel that the matter presented a problem have gone about to solve it and Miss Braley and Miss Cemballity are endeavoring to secure some hot dishes at least three times a week by their own effort. Of course parents will be appealed to assist and no doubt a ready response will be found. If the experiment of proper and sufficient feeding of pupils at the West School is found to work and become a success some solution of the problem can be found in the other schools where children are not able to return to their homes for the mid-day meal.

Nearly two hundred students from Northfield went to Brattleboro to witness the showing of "Camille" on the screen last week at the Auditorium Theatre.

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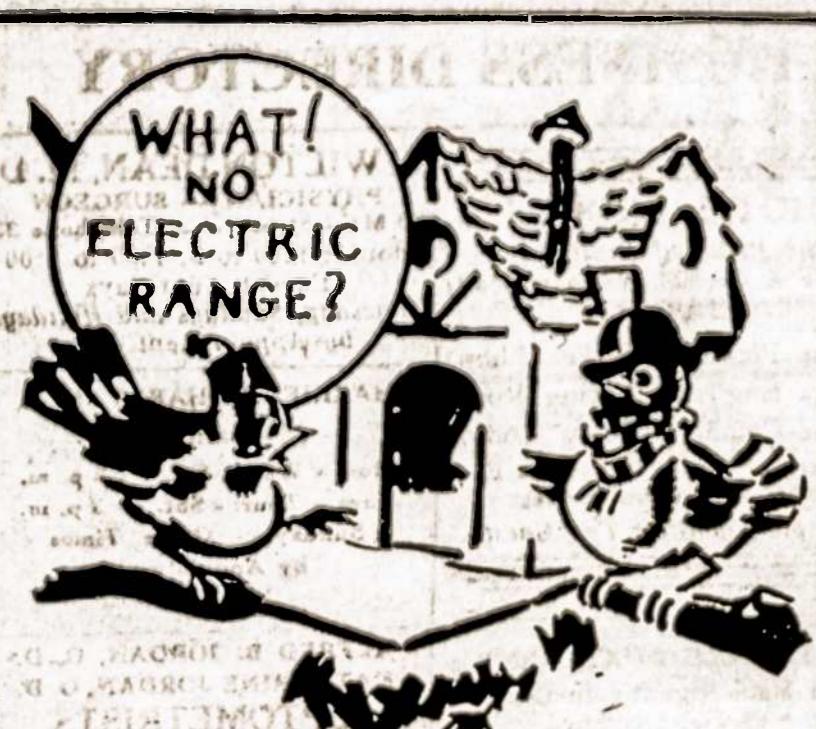
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## LOCALS

Property owners on Main Street have been advised that there will be a hearing next Monday morning on a petition of the Western Mass. Electric Company in the Selectmen's room in Town Hall on a relocation of its poles. It is understood that the Company intends to erect more substantial poles along the entire street to carry its lights. It will be a fine improvement and should be appreciated by the town.

Persons contemplating traveling by train on the Boston and Maine will do well to be advised that two mid-day trains will be discontinued after February first. The train leaving Greenfield going east at 1:45 and the train leaving Boston at 1 o'clock for Greenfield will discontinue its schedule for lack of patronage. There is a new through service westward connecting at Troy. This train will leave Boston at 9:45 a. m. stopping enroute and arrive at Troy at 2:45 p.m.

Adjutant and Mrs. Frank Brister of the Salvation Army with headquarters at Greenfield and who have oversight of the work in Northfield and vicinity have been promoted to the rank of Captain. They came to Greenfield about two years ago from Danbury, Conn. The local Salvation Army Committee have a very fine regard for the work of Captain and Mrs. Brister.

The onion market is in bad shape and local farmers who have produced this crop are taking a serious loss. It is estimated that the actual cost of producing a hundred pound bag of onions is about one dollar while offers for purchase are about fifty to sixty cents per hundred with sellers more anxious than buyers. It is said that there are about one thousand cars of onions in the Connecticut valley area in storehouses awaiting purchase.

When the New Year greetings were published in the Press a few issues ago the salutations of Myron Dunnell, our purveyor of fine oils for kitchen stoves and furnaces, was unintentionally omitted. We are now setting ourselves right by saying that Mr. Dunnell wishes all his customers and prospective customers a happy and prosperous New Year. Furthermore we are making no charge for this reference but the Editor's desk would look better with a couple of extra cigars.

The Boston and Maine Railroad bulletin records the death of Matthew M. Reddin general yardmaster at East Deerfield who died last fall. He had been in the employ of the railroad forty three years. In his obituary he is credited as having been a native of East Northfield.

The Northfield Basketball team traveled to Wilmington, Vt. Thursday evening of last week to play the Wilmington team and won by a score of 33 to 31. As interesting as the game was the traveling conditions of fog and drizzle. Visibility was decidedly limited and the team could not return until late into the night. Friday evening following they played the town team at Putney, Vt. and won again by a score of 42 to 24.

Ross L. Spencer of Spencer Bros. has been advised that the sales of Ford cars and trucks for the year 1936 throughout the world by the Ford Motor Co. totaled 1,219,262 units. The year was the eleventh in the past seventeen that the company has enjoyed more than a million car record.

The Brattleboro Outing Club begins its winter carnival program today with the annual ski ball to the music of the Washington Lee orchestra in the community building. Tomorrow Saturday will witness the cross country ski race if snow permits and on Sunday there will be a competitive 60 meter jump. If?

However if weather fails only a few will be disappointed as there is a lack of newspaper advertising and publicity.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Polhemus left last Monday by train for Miami, Florida where they will spend some time and enjoy boat trips to nearby places. They expect to rest a great deal and benefit their health.

Mr. and Mrs. Max W. Huber have gone to Nashville, Tenn., to visit their son William G. Huber and his family. They will be absent for several weeks.

A. P. Fitt spoke on "Moody Still Lives" at the evening service of Throop Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, last Sunday. He is to address the Lutheran ministers of the New York area on March 15.

The Northfield basketball team suffered defeat in a game with the Y. M. C. A. at Keene Wednesday evening. The score was 46-37.

The Editor received New Years felicitations from Prof. and Mrs. H. F. Cutler who are enjoying their stay in Vienna, Austria. He is still pursuing his post graduate studies in medicine and medical practice. Many of his friends here will be glad to greet him upon his return to America.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kinney of Brattleboro gave a dinner party at their home last week Friday evening to a number of friends. Those attending from Northfield were Postmaster Lawrence Quinlan, Leon Dunnell and Miss Julia Austin. Mrs. Kinney was the former Ruth Anderson.

Loren W. Gould the popular railroad station agent at Mount Hermon and Bernardston is spending the winter with his daughter at Belchertown on a leave of absence owing to illness.

The Girl Scouts, Troop 1, held their meeting Tuesday and the following members passed tests in signaling: Hazel Tenney, Polly Spencer, Ellen Giebel and Dora Davis. Miss Purrington the district nurse, will teach First-Aid at the next meeting.

St. James Episcopal church of Greenfield held its 124th annual parish meeting on Tuesday evening following a supper at six o'clock. Members of the parish from this town attended.

Don't forget the last call for those "first covers" of the Moody Centenary. They must be mailed from Northfield on Friday, Feb. 5 to be of historical value. Send your six cents to cover postage and cost to the Northfield Press at once.

The Friendly Class of the Congregational church were entertained Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry James on Parker street. Following a business session a social hour was spent and a spelling bee was held in which Miss Sophie Servaes held first honors. In a series of Bible questions Mrs. J. E. Ross was first. The evening consolation prize went to Mrs. Griswold. Refreshments were served and the evening drew to its close.

The second series of pinochle games between members of Harmony Lodge of Masons of Northfield and Golden Rule Lodge of Hinsdale was played Tuesday evening after the Northfield guests were treated to a fine oyster supper given by the Hinsdale brethren to reward them as winners of the first series.

A very commendable work is that conducted by the organization known as the Morgan Memorial. With headquarters in Boston they also maintain summer camps at South Athol and they have a branch sales store in Greenfield of their industrial department. It is pleasing to note the interest taken by many of our citizens in Northfield.

According to deeds filed at the Registry in Greenfield, Mrs. Josephine A. Webster of Northfield has transferred three parcels of land in Warwick to Frederick F. Rowe and Lot Dennis of Orange, consisting of 65 acres. Also another tract of 21 acres. Jointly with Nellie E. Wall of Northfield two tracts of 70 and another of 20 acres are conveyed to the same parties.

## FORTNIGHTLY

Prof. Harry N. Glick of the Massachusetts State College at Amherst will speak to the club this Friday afternoon at three o'clock in Alexander Hall on "Dreams—Hypnotism." There will be music. Mrs. Harry A. Lewis hostess.

The next meeting of the Study Group will be held Friday evening, Jan. 29, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Montague will entertain the group for this meeting. Miss Mary Dalton will present the subject—"Massachusetts Educational Centers and Education." All who attend these meetings pronounce them well worth while.

Each member has the privilege of inviting one guest to the meeting this Friday.

## Christmas Seals Report Soon Ready

Mrs. Marion E. Liley Chairman for Northfield of the Christmas seals campaign reports that the sum of \$180.95 has been received to date as a result of the appeal and sale this year which is still shy of the amount secured last year of \$186.83. The quota established for Northfield for this campaign was \$195 and if favorable responses are received from the 45 letters yet remaining out it is quite likely that the amount of 10 cents per capita might be realized.

Those who have received the envelopes of stamps and have not responded should return them at once to Mrs. Liley especially since prepaid postage was enclosed.

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## Valley Flood Loss Is Now Estimated

United States Army Engineers now estimate the total damage of the flood in the Connecticut River valley last March at approximately \$60,000,000. Lieut. Col. Mason Young quoted the figures recently in Springfield and they afford us the most authentic damage done measured in dollars and cents.

Of this amount, Col. Young said \$32,500,000 would be accounted for by actual damage in destroyed property. Virtually as much would be accounted for by indirect losses, including loss of employment, interrupted business and lost business. A third category, hard to determine, included the amount of depreciation suffered by the assessed valuation of property which "took a wetting" in the flood. Figures of damages suffered in individual towns were not given but it would be interesting to know the damage suffered in Northfield.

## Our Bowlers

The Northfield bowling team is being "bowled" over and from the pinnacle of fame which they suffered they have fallen to third place in the County League. However, the team does hold the high team total of points and the high team string. The averages of members of the various teams include Dunnell with 93.1; Porter 92.8; Ware, 92.6; Gingras, 92.4; and Browning, 91.1. The highest individual average is 101.4. The team rolled the Rugg team this Wednesday evening.

Come on boys, a little more pep and show us what you really can do.

The United Lutheran Church in America is considering a plan to centralize the "ownership and direction" of all Lutheran Theological Seminaries in the United States and Canada. Rev. L. Franklin Gruber who is President of the Theological Seminary at Chicago is a brother-in-law of Mr. Hoehn, Editor of the Northfield Press and visited Northfield last summer.

All persons over seventy years of age are exempted from the poll tax in Massachusetts now and they will not be denied the privilege of voting in all elections according to a new law passed providing for the same.

## The Mansion House Adds Improvements

The Mansion House at Greenfield has taken on an entirely new appearance since Richard Crockett Hall took it over. The lobby has been paneled in quartered oak in natural finish and the old front desk and cigar counter have disappeared. A front desk and switchboard have been put in and a fireplace replaces an old rack, surrounded by comfortable furniture. All over the hotel the rooms have been redecorated and much new furniture placed. Most of the carpets and mattresses are new and French-style telephones have replaced the old ones.

It is said that some 5700 Christmas "dead letters" were disposed of at the mail division office at Springfield recently. All mail was carefully examined. Those undeliverable cards of greeting with a cent and a half stamp were destroyed. Some mail was returned to senders which contained money and some not identified were emptied of cash which went to the Government.

## IN A FRIENDLY SORT O' WAY

When a man ain't got a cent and he's feelin' kinder blue,  
An' the clouds hang dark and heavy and won't let the sun shine through.

It's a great thing, oh, my brethren, for a feller just to lay his hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

It makes a chap feel queerish, it makes the tear-drops start, An' you feel a sort of flutter in the region of your heart; You can't look up into his eyes, you don't know what to say, When a hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

Oh, the world's a curious compound, with its honey and its gall, With its care and bitter crosses, but a good world, after all, An' a good God must have made it; leastways that is what I say,

When a hand is on my shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

James Whitcomb Riley

"What do you think of this new mechanical cotton picker?" "Well I wouldn't stand too close to it in that suit."



## JANUARY FUR SALE

Everything reduced in this sale—notwithstanding the advances now firmly established on most raw skins—making every coat a double feature value. The thrifty will quickly take advantage of this opportunity, and will be rewarded with values that will probably not be available again for many years.

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Friday, January 22, 1937

Subscribers to the Press should allow two weeks for a change in address if they do not wish to miss a copy of the paper. Notify us as early as possible of any change in address.

### EDITORIAL

Safety must be built into our highways. That thought was brought out forcibly recently by a survey of 900 fatal motor accidents which revealed that all but 17 of them would have been impossible, or highly improbable if the roads on which they occurred had been all modern, up-to-date, and properly constructed.

Prosperity and progress, twin factors for the promotion of happiness, brought us all many blessings and comforts before 1936 closed its door. Industry pulled up out of the hole, and millions of people in all walks of life found the way "round the corner." Every retail store seemed to join in reporting "better business," and big and little concerns were able to announce that they had "gotten out of the red."

The strikes in the automobile industry are regarded in Washington as a serious menace to continued recovery, and the judgment of statesmen is that this is "no time to upset our apple carts." Obviously this government of ours does not believe in wars, nor strikes. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, told the National Press Club on a recent occasion, that the power

and strength, as well as the progress of organized labor, has been achieved through the policy of its first great leader, Samuel Gompers, of appealing to men's reason and their sense of justice. Green said he had always followed that method of his predecessors and he voiced his disapproval of precipitating strikes in no uncertain terms. Evidently a new brand of radicals have appeared as leaders with a determination to rule organized labor, no matter what the cost may be to the workingmen or to the nation.

A good way of watering is to set the pots into a basin of water so that the water rises from below. But excess water may cause the spread of what plant doctors call damping off disease, so as soon as the soil is moist on the top take the pots out of the water.

For ordinary seeds keep the temperature at 50 to 70 degrees, for conservatory plants at 60 to 80, and for tropical at 75 to 90.

Some seeds you even have to soak and file the outer coat in order to get them to grow. Canaries are that way. Others need soaking, and others will grow within a few days. And then there is the idea of even treating seeds with various acids in order to help along germination.

And to be frank with you, I'm going to try out this idea of freezing seeds. You know they claim some seeds have to be frozen before they will start to grow. Trollius seeds, they say, can be worked this way. Use ordinary freezing tray in the refrigerator. Fill the tray about half full of water, freeze it, put on the seeds, and then cover with water and freeze the entire cube. Seeds of dictamnus, and some of the slow germinating primroses are those which you might experiment in this way.

Another thing, don't add fertilizer just before planting any seed. The ordinary flower pot is about the best thing you can use for this work, especially when you are experimenting.

Of course, if you are planting a great many seeds or getting tomato plants and such for your vegetable garden next spring, that's another matter. Then I'd use a fairly large box which is about 4 inches deep. With pots you can move them from place to place much easier. You have only space for one variety in a pot. And of course, some need transplanting long before others. With individual pots you don't disturb the slow growers.

Remember to have the soil good and firm in the pot and to have it well drained. You might even put the soil through a sieve using the coarse stuff in the bottom of the pot. Cover the seed, after it is planted, with dry sphagnum moss or you can sprinkle them lightly with fine dirt or sand.

Then in order to conserve moisture cover the pot or box with a piece of glass and then cover the glass with a piece of paper until the seed get germinated, since most seeds prefer darkness for germination.

### At The Victoria

Today—Friday, Jan. 22 at 2:15 and 7:30 and Saturday, Jan. 23 continuous from 2:15, due to tremendous popular demand the management has brought back the late Will Rogers and Janet Gaynor in "State Fair". This is conceded to be Will Rogers' outstanding picture.

Co-feature, "Paddy O'Day" with Jane Withers. Also News and Silly Symphony.

Starting Sunday, Jan. 24 "Sing Baby Sing" with Adolphe Menjou, Ted Healy and Patsy Kelly.

Co-feature "The Country Beyond" with Rochelle Hudson and Paul Kelly. Pictured from James Oliver Curwood's famous novel.

That large patriotic organization of women known as the Daughters of the American Revolution, whose membership is comprised of those women who can prove descent from some soldier of the Revolution has now compiled a library of 148 volumes of genealogical information acknowledged to be the finest in the country. Not only is the lineage of each individual member recorded but it gives the life story of early Americans who made history in the nation.

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### OUR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT INAUGURATED WEDNESDAY AT WASHINGTON FOR ANOTHER TERM

#### SOUTH VERNON

Services at the church Sunday will be as follows: morning worship at 10:45. Sermon by Rev. George A. Gray. Church school at 12:15. Evening service of song and preaching at 7 o'clock.

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REV. MARY ANDREWS CONNER

Sunday 9:45, Church School; 10:45 Church Worship.

The second sermon in the course of study of the different denominations of Protestantism will be on "The Baptists, What They Believe and Teach."

A special meeting of the Alliance will be held in the Parlor of the Church Thursday, January 28 beginning at 3 o'clock. This meeting is called by request, that all the women who attend may learn about the disease Cancer and How to Help Control It." Dr. Harriet Hardy will be the speaker.

SPECIAL SERVICES

REV. JAMES I. MITCHELL

Masses, first Sunday of the month 8:30 a. m. Every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

The membership of the CCC Camp No. 1155 has reached its capacity of 152 members. This camp is located at Warwick. About 87 per cent of its membership is enrolled in educational classes. Residents of Warwick say that the boys are a fine lot of fellows.

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